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THE INAUGURATION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

By instruction of our Archbishop, praying in communion with Holy Mother Church in Rome, please use the append text for Masses this weekend

The Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission
21 April 2004

Opening Prayer

Let us pray

Lord,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

You have revealed to the nations your saving power,
and filled all ages with the words of a new song.

Hear the echo of this hymn,

give us a voice to sing your praise,

give to your shepherd Pope Benedict XVI,

a spirit of courage and right judgement,

a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care

may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ,

build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

General Intercessions

In our joy, let us pray for Pope Benedict XVI, for the Church, and for the spread of the gospel of Christ throughout the world.

For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, that he may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the bishops of the Church, that their pastoral care may show the face of Christ. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the whole Church of Jesus Christ, that the new pope may be a sign of unity and love. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our broken world, that the message of Christ may bring peace and justice for all. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that our conversion of heart be renewed by this new beginning in the Church. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Father of providence, look with love on Benedict XVI our Pope,
your appointed successor to St Peter on whom you built your Church.

May he be the visible centre and foundation
of our unity in faith and love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

ALL other prayers as of 5th Sunday of Easter

Concluding Hymn

"Long Live the Pope"